



Davidson Fellow Christopher Falzone

(\$10,000 Scholarship Recipient)



Personal Info

Christopher Falzone

Age: 17

Richmond, Virginia

School, College and Career Plans

Christopher will begin his senior year at Monacan High School this fall. Immediately following high school, he plans to pursue an educational path that will best prepare him for a career in music – as a concert pianist, chamber player, composer and conductor.

Davidson Fellows Submission (*Music*)

Expressing his love of music as a concert pianist, a chamber musician, a composer and a conductor, Christopher's music portfolio, *At the Piano -- A Celebration of Human Expression and Creativity*, reflects his talent as a concert pianist, chamber musician, composer and conductor. Christopher performed many impressive piano pieces to express his prodigious understanding and sensibility of music. Christopher's portfolio highlights some of his most important work toward achieving his dream of becoming a world-class musician. Christopher has given numerous solo recitals, performed with symphony orchestras and collaborated with chamber musicians throughout the United States and abroad.

Biography

Christopher began studying piano at age four and composing at age six. He has since received critical acclaim and numerous national and international awards for his piano performances and compositions.

After winning a national piano competition at age nine, Christopher made his debut with Disney's Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra on national television. Since then, Christopher has appeared as a soloist, a chamber player and with orchestras in numerous venues throughout the country, such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center and the Hollywood Bowl.

Christopher received second place in the 2002 Young Concert Artists International Auditions. He was the youngest finalist and the only American pianist in the competition finals. This fall, Christopher will make both his orchestral and solo debut in Tokyo.

When he is not playing music, Christopher also enjoys hiking, biking, tennis, roller blading, video games and learning to cook.

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Honors/Awards

- 2002 Davidson Fellow (September)
- 2002 Young Concert Artists International Auditions, Second Place
- 2001 National Music Teachers Association Yamaha Piano Competition, Eastern Division, First Place
- 2001 National Music Teachers Association Yamaha Piano Competition, First Place
- National Honor Society
- National Beta Club
- French Honor Society
- Harvard Book Award

Community Activities

Christopher performs free concerts at schools and retirement centers. He also volunteers as a tutor and assists with community projects through the Beta Club.

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